

818. The recesses 812 and 813 are thus provided on the sides 816 and 818 spaced the separation gap 814 from the nearest interfering metal surfaces. In one implementation, the separation gap 814 is 12 mm, but such separation is dependent on the mass of metal in the LED display housing.

In the Claims

Please **REPLACE** the existing claims named below with the following **AMENDED** claims:

13. (Once Amended) A display apparatus as recited in claim 12, wherein a lower portion of said frame affixes to a lower peripheral portion of said housing using a plurality of screws inserted parallel to a primary surface of said housing.

31. (Once Amended) A portable computer, comprising:

a hinge;

a base portion including at least a processor;

a display portion including at least a flat panel display, an outer shell, and a frame, said frame being disposed inside said outer shell and supporting said display portion with respect to said base portion by way of said hinge.

34. (Once Amended) A portable computer as recited in claim 31, wherein said flat panel display is a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) panel.

35. (Once Amended) A portable computer as recited in claim 31, wherein the outer shell is formed from a polycarbonate material.

36. (Once Amended) A portable computer as recited in claim 31, where said housing lacks uniform ribs.

37. (Once Amended) A portable computer as recited in claim 31, wherein said display portion further comprises:

an Electro Magnetic Interference (EMI) shield provided with or adjacent said frame.

38. (Once Amended) A portable computer as recited in claim 37, wherein said EMI shield includes a plurality of openings.

Please CANCEL claims 50-80.

Please ADD claims 81-108 as follows:

81. (New) A portable computer, comprising:
a base unit including at least a processor;
a display unit including a bezel, a flat panel display, and a translucent outer shell, said flat panel display being disposed between said bezel and said translucent outer shell and emitting light so as to illuminate the translucent outer shell.
82. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 81 wherein said display unit further comprises:
a cosmetic shield disposed between said flat panel display and said outer shell, said cosmetic shield masking a substantial portion of said light that is emitted by said flat panel display.
83. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 82 wherein said cosmetic shield includes a reflective surface positioned towards said flat panel display, and a mask opening for allowing the light to pass therethrough, said light passing through the mask opening illuminating a portion of said outer shell.
84. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 83 wherein said display unit further comprises an Electro Magnetic Interference (EMI) shield disposed between said flat panel display and said cosmetic shield, said EMI shield having a plurality of holes for allowing said light to pass therethrough, and a reflective surface positioned away from said flat panel display and towards said cosmetic shield.
85. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 83 wherein said light emitted by said flat panel display is passed through said openings in said EMI shield towards said reflective surface of said cosmetic shield, thereafter said first passed light is reflected off of the reflective surface

of the cosmetic shield towards the reflective surface of the EMI shield, thereafter said first reflected light is reflected off of the reflective surface of the EMI shield towards the mask opening in the cosmetic shield, thereafter the second reflected light is passed through the mask opening thereby illuminating a portion of said outer shell.

86. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 81 wherein said display unit further comprises a frame for supporting said flat panel display relative to said base unit.

87. (New) A portable computer as recited in claim 86 wherein said frame is coupled to said base unit via a hinge.

88. (New) A component of a computing device or system, comprising:
a housing having a substantial portion that is translucent; and
a light source disposed inside the housing, said light source being configured to produce light inside said housing so as to illuminate at least a portion of said substantial portion that is translucent.

89. (New) The component as recited in claim 88 wherein the computing device or system is a general purpose computer.

90. (New) The component as recited in claim 89 wherein the general purpose computer is a portable computer.

91. (New) The component as recited in claim 88 wherein the component is a display apparatus.

92. (New) The component as recited in claim 91 wherein the light source is a flat panel display.

93. (New) The component as recited in claim 92 wherein the light source is a liquid crystal display (LCD).

94. (New) The component as recited in claim 88 wherein the light source produces light in first and second directions.

95. (New) The component as recited in claim 94 wherein the light produced in the first direction passes through an opening in the housing, and wherein the light produced in the second direction passes through the substantial portion of the housing that is translucent.

96. (New) The component as recited in claim 88 further including a cosmetic shield disposed between the light source and the substantial portion of the housing that is translucent, the cosmetic shield having a light blocking portion and a light passing portion.

97. (New) The component as recited in claim 96 wherein the light passing portion associated with the cosmetic shield is an opening for allowing light to pass therethrough, and wherein the light blocking portion is a reflective surface.

98. (New) The component as recited in claim 96 further including an EMI shield disposed between the light source and the cosmetic shield, the EMI shield having a light blocking portion and a light passing portion.

99. (New) The component as recited in claim 98 wherein the light passing portion associated with the EMI shield is a plurality of openings for allowing light to pass therethrough.

100. (New) A display apparatus for use in a computer system, comprising:
a housing having a translucent wall and an opening;
a display device for displaying information through the opening in the housing, and for illuminating at least a portion of the translucent wall.

101. (New) The display apparatus as recited in claim 100 further comprising a cosmetic shield disposed between the display device and the translucent wall.

102. (New) The display apparatus as recited in claim 100 further comprising an EMI shield disposed between the display device and the translucent wall.

103. (New) The portable computer as recited in claim 31 wherein said flat panel display is fixedly coupled to said frame, wherein said outer shell is fixedly coupled to said frame, and wherein said frame is movably coupled to said base portion by way of said hinge.

104. (New) The portable computer as recited in claim 31 wherein said outer shell includes a front portion and a back portion, said frame and said flat panel display being disposed between said front portion and said back portion.

105. (New) The portable computer as recited in claim 104 wherein said front portion includes an opening for exposing a portion of the flat panel display, and wherein said back portion is formed from a translucent material.

106. (New) The display apparatus as recited in claim 1 wherein said display apparatus is component of a computer system.

107. (New) The display apparatus as recited in claim 19 wherein said display apparatus is component of a computer system.

108. (New) The display apparatus as recited in claim 39 wherein said display apparatus is component of a computer system.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 34-38 under USC 112, claims 1, 19, 28, and 39 under USC 102, and claims 2-11, 14-18, 20-26, 27, 29-30, 32, 36-38 and 40-49 under USC 103. These rejections are fully traversed below.

The Examiner also objected to claims 12 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 13, 31, 34, 35, 37 and 38 have been amended to correct minor informalities and/or to further clarify the invention. Claims 50-80 have been cancelled. Claims 81-108 have